



## ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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### **MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, August 17, 2007**

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, August 17, 2007 at the Board office, located at 610 S. McDonough Street, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business. The following Board members were in attendance: Ms. Tammie Friedrichs, (Chair); Ms. Cynthia Harris, (Vice-Chair); Ms. April Henderson, and Mr. B. Hal Richardson. The Board members not in attendance were Mr. Arnold Askew, Ms. Judy K. White, and Mr. Tommy O'Brien (re-signed). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren, (Executive Director), Ms. Mary B. Windom, (Board Counsel), and Mr. Randy Barrows, (Executive Assistant). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

Public notice of this meeting was published on the Secretary of State's web site in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and advertised on the Board's web site at [www.almtbd.alabama.gov](http://www.almtbd.alabama.gov).

The minutes from the July 6, 2007 meeting was presented for the Board to review. Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the Board member's travel reimbursement as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren distributed the Report of the Administrative Law Judge regarding the Board vs. QT Corporation, d.b.a. QT Spa. Ms. Henderson was excused to read the transcript from the hearing conducted on April 24, 2007. Once Ms. Henderson returned from reading the transcript, the Board continued in discussion regarding the report. After discussion, Ms. Harris made a motion to adopt the Recommendation from the Administrative Law Judge in its entirety and in addition, assess an administrative fine in the amount of \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

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Mr. Warren distributed the Settlement Agreement negotiated by the Investigative Committee with Sun Aroma Spa. Mr. Warren explained that the owner of Sun Aroma Spa, Mr. Varavuti W. Saqbsaisakuc, had signed the agreement along with a letter stipulating the terms of the agreement and had returned the original letter and had only faxed the settlement agreement. Mr. Saqbsaisakuc informed Mr. Warren that he will forward the original Settlement Agreement to the Board Office as soon as possible. The stipulations of the agreement are revocation of the Sun Aroma Spa's Massage Therapy Establishment License and an administrative fine of \$2,500 to be paid by September 7, 2007. Mr. Richardson made a motion to accept the Settlement Agreement for Sun Aroma Spa, contingent on receipt of the original signed document. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to send out a Press Release regarding the action taken against the two licensees at this meeting as soon as all parties have received sufficient notification of this action. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren discussed with the Board the heavy influx of Massage Therapy Exemption Requests received in the office and the need to draft a letter requesting additional information regarding the establishment before the Board can adequately review the request and make an appropriate decision. The list of requested information is as follows:

- 1) List & License Numbers of all full-time, part-time, and contract employees at the establishment
- 2) Notarized statement of the primary function of the establishment
- 3) Copy of all business licenses
- 4) Copies of all advertisements, brochures, and/or business cards of the establishment
- 5) Tax Records or Financial Statements showing itemized income of all advertised services performed at the establishment

The letter is to also state that all massage therapists and all massage therapy establishments advertising for massage therapy services to the public must include a license number whether it's the massage therapists license number or the massage therapy establishment license number. Mr. Richardson made a motion for Mr. Warren to draft this letter and for Ms. Windom to review it before it is finalized. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the Massage Therapist applications presented to the Board (list attached). The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the Massage Therapy Instructor applications presented to the Board (list attached). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the Massage Therapy School Renewal Applications presented to the Board (list attached). The motion was seconded by Ms. Henderson and unanimously approved by the Board.

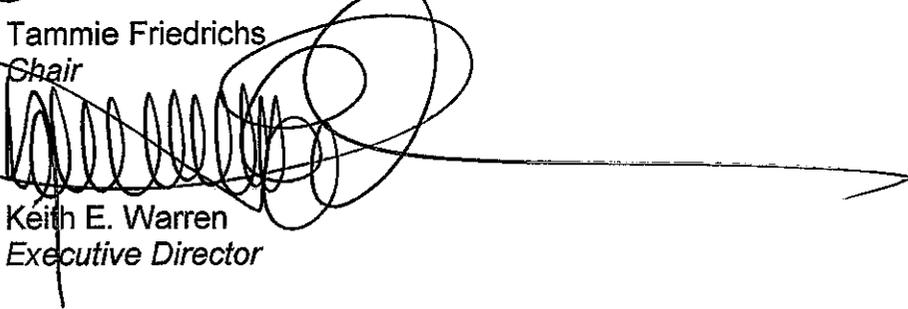
The Board will meet again Friday, October 26, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., located at the Board Office in Montgomery, Alabama.

There being no further business, Mr. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Henderson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tammie Friedrichs  
*Chair*



Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Director*